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Biographical data -- Hildegarde Howard (Mrs. Henry Anson Wylde)

Born Washington, D.C., April 3, 1901. Daughter of Clifford and Hattie (Case) Howard. Father an author, mother a musician and composer.

Married Henry Anson Wylde, February 6, 1930.

Schooling:

Preschool, Chevy Chase, Maryland, 1905

Elementary grades, Los Angeles, California

High School: Los Angeles (Polytechnic H.S.), Santa Barbara (S.B.H.S.) and (graduation from) Girls' Collegiate (boarding school in Los Angeles), 1918.

College: University of California Southern Branch (later known as University of Calif. at Los Angeles), Jr. Certificate, 1922, with honorable mention.

University of California, Berkeley, 1922-28 (B.A. 1924, major Zoology; M.A. 1926, major paleontology; Ph.D. 1928, major Zoology).

Stanford Marine Station, Pacific Grove, California, summer of 1927.

Positions held:

1921-22 Part-time work in Zoology department, Univ. Calif. So. Br.
Part-time in paleontology department, Los Angeles Museum of History, Science and Art (assembling thoracic vertebrae for mount of Rancho La Brea Saber-tooth Cat).

1924-25 Laboratory Assistant in Zoology, Univ. Calif. So. Branch
Research Assistant in Paleontology, Los Angeles Museum (first work on fossil birds).

1925-27 Teaching Fellow in Paleontology, Univ. Calif. Berkeley

1927-28 University Fellow in Zoology, Univ. Calif. Berkeley

1928- Los Angeles County Museum of History, Science and Art (now known as Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County)
1928-29 Research Assistant

1929-38 Assistant Vertebrate Paleontologist

1938-51 Curator of Avian Paleontology

1951-61 Chief Curator Division of Science

1961 Retired

1961-74 Research Associate in Palaeornithology

1974- Chief Curator Emeritus

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Memberships:

American Ornithologists Union: Associate 1928, Member 1935, Fellow 1946, Life Member 1953. Committee on Biography 1950-1965 (plus memorial of Loye Miller, 1971); contributing editor of abstracts for Periodical Literature 1960-. Brewster Memorial Award in Ornithology 1953.

Cooper Ornithological Society, 1924, Life Member 1960, Honorary 1966. Board of Governors 1938-1968; Secretary Board of Directors 1945-1961; Secretary Southern Division 1938-1940, Vice President So. Div. 1940, President So. Div. 1941.

Society of Vertebrate Paleontology, charter member, 1941, honorary 1974. Regional Editor Bulletin 1943-1952

Southern California Academy of Sciences: Fellow 1949, Vice President 1956-57, President 1957-59, Board of Directors 1952-1960, Advisory Board 1961-

Geological Society of America, Fellow 1946 -

American Association for Advancement of Science, 1928, fellow 1933 -
California Academy of Sciences, Fellow

National Audubon Society (Laguna Hills Chapter)

Naturalists Club of Laguna Hills

Zoological Society of San Diego

Western Museums Conference of Amer. Associ. of Museums until retirement in 1961; President 1952

Soroptimist International, Miracle Mile (Los Angeles). Honorary 1961

Honors and Honorary Positions

Phi Sigma, 1923, Phi Beta Kappa 1924, Sigma Xi (associate Univ. Calif. Berkeley, 1924, member 1940--UCLA; currently in Chapter-at-Large). Brewster Memorial Award in Ornithology (Amer. Ornith. Union), 1953. John Simon Guggenheim Foundation Fellow 1962-63.

Research Associate Western Speleological Institute, 1958-1961.

Research Associate Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, 1958-

Listed in:

American Men and Women of Science

Who's Who in America

Who's Who of American Women

Dictionary of International Biography

Who's Who in the World (will be in 3rd edition, 1977-78)

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Miscellaneous:

Editor Los Angeles County Museum Contributions in Science 1957-1961

Teachers who influenced my career:

Miss Pirie Davidson (now Mrs. Maverick) whose undergraduate laboratory course in Zoology inspired me to major in Zoology.
Dr. Loye Miller who introduced me to fossil birds and continued as my mentor throughout my career (also served on my doctoral committee).

Dr. Chester Stock who got me my first job at the Los Angeles Museum, and for whom I worked off-and-on during my college years at Berkeley.

Dr. William Diller Matthew who was a member of my doctoral committee, whose office was always open to students for consultation.

Dr. Joseph Grinnell, my major professor for the PhD, who guided all of his students in the orderly method of attacking scientific problems and trained us in the basic techniques of good scientific writing.